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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 820.**

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS

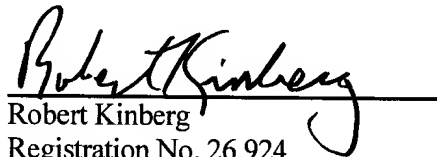
In response to the Office letter of March 3, 2000 submitted herewith are:

- (x) Remittance of \$690.00 filing fee, surcharge of \$130.00, Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00.
- (x) Declaration/Power of Attorney.
- (x) Assignment, coversheet and recording fee.
- (x) Copy of Missing Parts Notice dated March 3, 2000.

TOTAL FEE SUBMITTED: \$860.00.

Should no remittance be attached, or should any additional fee be required, please charge our Account No. 22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,


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